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Dear Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the above-identified patent application as to when we may expect an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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